Mountain Weather Forecast

Southwest Highlands

Including Ben Nevis, Glen Coe and the rest of Lochaber, Argyll including the Isles, Loch Lomond, Trossachs and Arran
Forecast valid from 00:00 on Tuesday 02 May 2023 until 23:59 on Wednesday 03 May 2023

Forecast Issued on Monday 01 May 2023 at 11:55 by Met Office Aberdeen

Confidence: High for the settled start and for increasing chance of rain crossing from south later in period, but lowering for cloud detail.

Headline for Tuesday 02 May 2023: Most dry with best of sunshine in north. Winds quite light. Freezing level lifting.

Mountain weather hazards on Tuesday 02 May 2023

Blizzards No Likelihood	**Heavy persistent snow** No Likelihood	**Storm force winds** No Likelihood
Gales No Likelihood	**Severe chill effect** Low Likelihood	**Poor visibility** Low Likelihood
Thunderstorms No Likelihood	**Heavy persistent rain** No Likelihood	**Strong sunlight** Low Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation at 800m							
Time							
00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
Partly cloudy (night)	Partly cloudy (night)	Sunny intervals	Sunny intervals	Sunny intervals	Sunny intervals	Cloudy	Cloudy
Precipitation probability							
<05%	<05%	<05%	00%	<05%	<05%	<05%	<05%

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Weather: The vast majority will have a fine dry day with best of the brighter spells developing to the north of the A85, but the odd like shower cannot be ruled out, with snow level 600m lifting to 1300m late afternoon.

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 800m: 80-90% in north 60-70% in south.

Low Cloud and visibility: Good or very good, becoming briefly moderate or poor in any rain showers, very poor in snow showers and within cloud with bases lowering to 700m at times, mainly south of the A85.

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Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph)					Wind Direction (blowing from)			
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1300	7/10 SE	7/10 E	6/8 E	7/10 SE	7/11 S	8/12 SW	10/15 S	10/14 SE	9/13 SE
900	8/11 E	7/10 E	8/10 SE	7/11 SE	7/11 S	6/11 S	8/12 S	8/12 SE	9/12 SE
600	8/11 NE	6/8 NE	4/7 NE	6/10 E	7/11 E	6/10 SW	8/12 S	6/9 SE	6/9 E
300	4/6 N	4/8 NE	3/6 NE	6/9 NE	4/8 SW	6/10 SW	6/10 S	6/11 SE	5/11 SE
Glen	9/17 NE	5/14 NE	5/13 NE	4/8 E	4/9 SE	6/11 S	5/9 S	3/9 SE	4/9 E

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)								
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1300	-3/-7	-3/-7	-2/-6	-2/-5	0/-4	2/-2	2/-2	1/-3	1/-3
900	-1/-5	-2/-5	-1/-5	2/-2	4/1	6/4	6/3	4/1	2/-1
600	2/-2	2/-1	2/0	4/1	6/4	8/6	8/6	7/5	5/3
300	4/3	3/2	4/2	6/4	9/8	11/10	11/10	9/8	8/6
Glen	6/3	5/3	6/4	8/7	12/11	13/12	13/12	10/10	9/8
Freezing Level*	700m	700m	700m	900m	1200m	1300m	1400m	1400m	1500m

**Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.*

Met Office Aberdeen Meteorologist's View
Severe wind chill at height at first in the low freezing level despite the relatively light winds.

Forecast for Wednesday 03 May 2023
Weather: Cloud thickening to bring some limited patchy light rain, mainly later in the day.

Maximum wind: East to southeast 15mph or less

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 800m: 80% with bases generally above this level

Low Cloud and visibility: Good or very good, becoming moderate or poor in rain, very poor within cloud with bases infrequently lowering to 700m.

Temperature: **Glens:** Plus 2 Celsius increasing 15 Celsius during the afternoon
At 800m: Plus 3 Celsius
Freezing level: Generally above summits

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